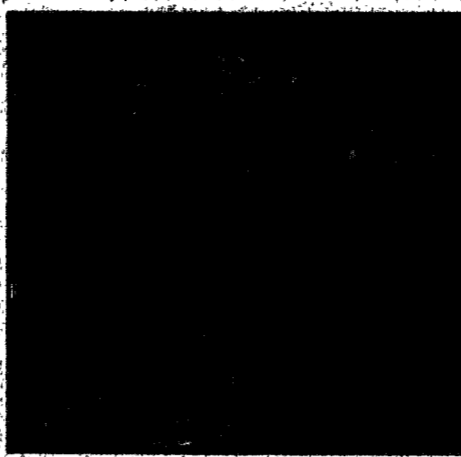


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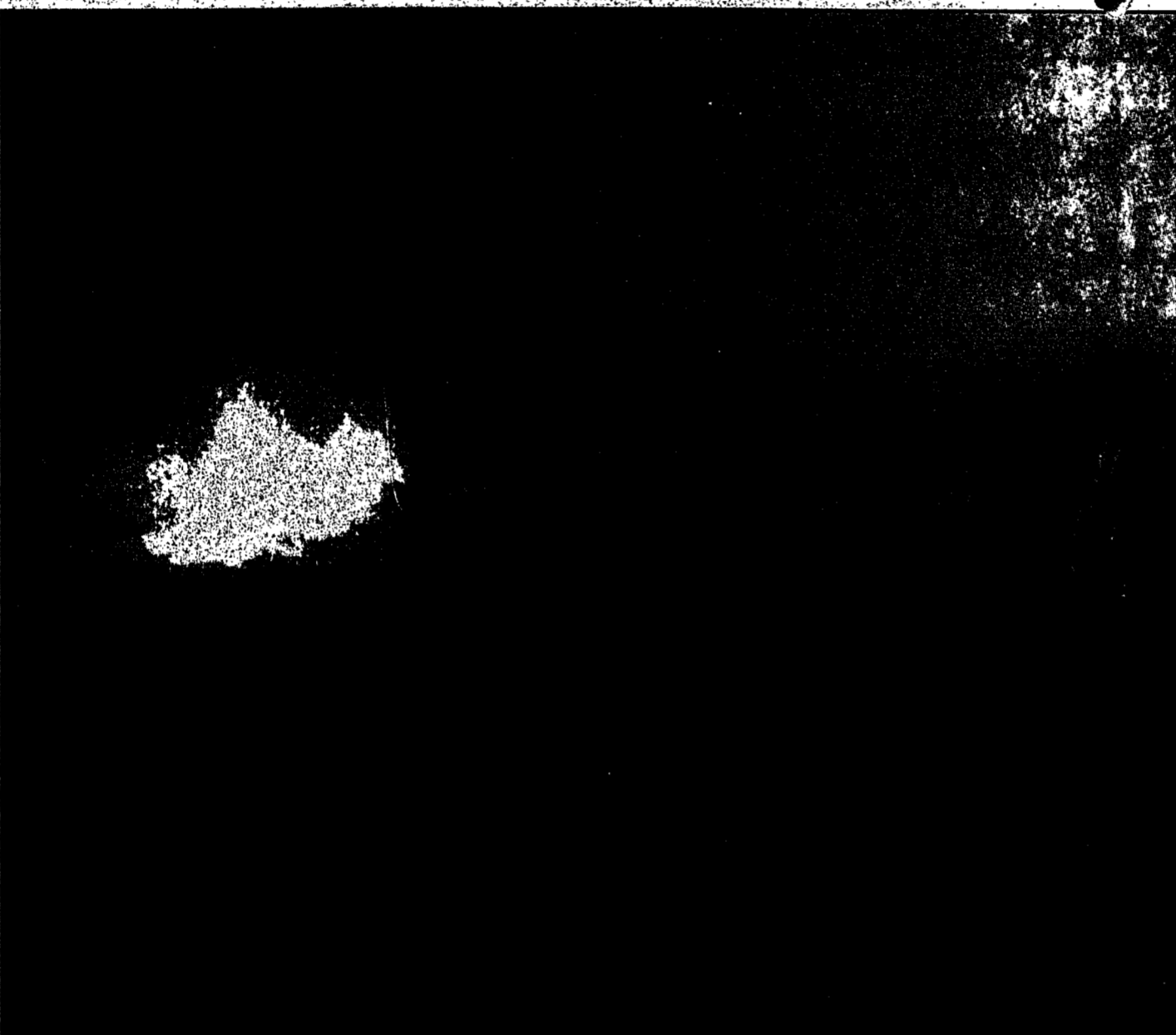
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Flames of Liberty



American Legion Post #77 of Waveland and the Boy Scouts of America Troop #77 conduct an American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Veterans Monument on Tuesday, Flag Day.

Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher



Pass man gets 25 years in sex case

Man who had faked own death to avoid police pleads guilty

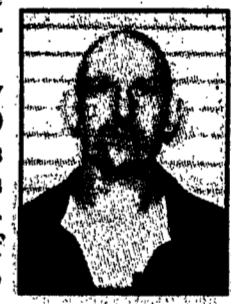
BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

A Pass Christian man who fled the Gulf Coast last year to escape prosecution on several counts of child molestation was sentenced to 25 years in prison on Monday.

Jack C. Harris II, 37, was indicted in January 2004 with two counts of touching a child for lustful purposes, five counts of sexual battery and one count of statutory rape.

The victim, a then-16-year-old girl, said the abuse occurred over a period of eight years.

After successfully posting a \$150,000 bond, Harris attempted to fake his own death by drowning in October of 2004 and fled to Georgia.



Harris

According to Tom Roan, an investigator with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Harris' car was found abandoned in a wooded area near the Wolf River. Investigators found his driver's license and several other items belonging to Harris.

After divers were unable to find a body, Harris was declared a fugitive.

Roan said that the Sheriff's department learned that Harris was staying with relatives in Ellijay, Ga. Roan contacted the Gilmer County Sheriff's Department with the information.

"The Gilmer Investigator told me that when Harris was approached, he

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Chamber After Hours today in Bay St. Louis

Coast Electric Power Association and Daniel's South Beach will host the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce After Hours today, Thursday, June 16 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be food, networking, fun, and door prizes. Admission is 2 business cards. The event will be held at Daniel's South Beach - (formerly Dan B's) 109 South Beach, Bay St. Louis.

N. Hancock Pee Wee Cheerleading sign-ups

North Hancock Pee Wee Cheerleading is holding the last day for cheerleading registration on June 26 at the North Hancock Football Field from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. This will also be the time for uniforms. Registration and uniform cost must be paid in full on this day. If you have any questions contact Cindy Shaw (255-0416), Pam Cuevas (255-5783), or Stephanie Parker (255-0217).

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Bay-Wave school board eyes random drug testing policy

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If a new policy is approved, Bay Waveland students who want to participate in extracurricular activities, co-curricular activities, or drive their car to school this fall, will have to sign an agreement with the district. In doing so,

they will agree to mandatory random drug and alcohol testing. Parents may also request that a student be included in the pool, even if participation is not mandatory. All students in grades 7-12 will be subject to the new policy.

The policy will be held in
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A two-car wreck on the Hwy. 90 Bay Bridge caused a halt in westbound traffic between Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis Wednesday afternoon. The westbound lane was completely shut down while highway patrol officers and emergency vehicles could clear the wreckage.

Echo staff photo by John Waterman

Pete Fountain & St. Rose Choir in concert Fundraiser for archer



Pete Fountain and the St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir will perform in a Concert On Friday, July 15th at 8 p.m. at Casino Magic's Bay St. Louis Entertainment Complex. The proceeds of this concert will benefit the St. Rose de Lima Community Center. Admission is \$20.00. Tickets are available at Bookends, the Chamber, Labat's Cleaners and the St. Rose Parish Office. The parish office number is 467-7347. VISA accepted.

Matthew Hagwood has qualified to represent Mississippi as a delegate in the 2005 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. The event will be held in Columbia, Missouri on June 27 to July 1, 2005. Cuevas Fish House will host a Fish Fry at Necaise Ball Field on Saturday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates consist of fillet, colelaw, hushpuppies, and French fries for an \$8 donation.

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Bay-Waveland School Board considers \$2M bigger budget

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Millage rates for the district are not expected to rise this year, said Bay Waveland School District business manager Garland Cuevas, at Monday's school board meeting, even though the budget itself will. Projections for the 2005/2006 school year show a rise of about \$2.4 million over last year's totals. The increase in the value of a mill should offset the increase, Cuevas said.

On June 27, a public hearing will be held for any citizen in the district who may have questions on the proposed budget. The hearing will be held at 4 p.m. at the district office at 201 Carroll Ave. The final budget is expected to be adopted on July 11 at the regular meeting.

Though millage rates aren't expected to rise, local tax dollars earmarked for

the schools will increase slightly, by about \$300,000 to \$6,061,714, through the ad valorem tax levy. State Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) dollars will contribute another \$6,616,023, with casino revenues expected to contribute another \$3.5 million. Total state funding is expected to contribute just over \$9 million with federal funding contributing around \$2.8 million.

Of the dollars expected to be spent at district schools this next year, Superintendent Kim Stasny says that most will go for instruction of students. State mandated teacher pay raises will account for a large rise in the total expenditures along with increases in health insurance costs and retirement fund matches.

Stasny said Monday that about 65 percent of the total budget will be spent for instruction, 32 percent for

support services, 3 percent for facilities acquisition, and .05 percent for budget service.

In other business:

• For his contributions to the Bay/Waveland School District both in sports and in service the high school home basketball court will be named after Mike Necaise. The football field will be named after Cleveland Nathaniel "Tank" Williams.

Stasny asked that the board consider establishing a "Hall of Fame" at the high school. Outstanding performance or service by students or staff would be honored in the display.

• Brook Miller was recognized for winning a state award on a project she completed in the gifted student program in the district.

• Board members gave their approval for \$78,000 in casino funds to be used to purchase 72 new computers for Waveland Elementary School.

Coast communities coordinate to celebrate 'World Peace' Day event

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Seven communities along the coast will hold special celebrations to welcome the Summer Solstice. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Celebration of Life and Peace bonfire will be a chance to bring a picnic dinner and get together with neighbors and friends, but it will also be more than that.

Organizer Ann Scelba, retired teacher and now doctor of energy healing, hopes that the good energy created by the event will be a momentum that will send a healing energy throughout the world. The event will take place simultaneously in other communities across the globe, with one central purpose, to pray for peace.

Native American elders have long envisioned diverse populations gather-

ing and praying simultaneously for peace, said Scelba. Lakota nation Chief Arvol Looking Horse has already set June 21 as World Peace and Prayer Day. Some Native American beliefs state that when as little as 10 percent of the world's population joins together to pray, that the results will become irreversible. They believe that prayer can change the world.

But you don't have to be Native American or a member of any particular religion or social background to join in the effort, said Scelba. She hopes that individuals and families, whatever their church affiliation or belief system, will join in the effort as citizens of the world, who share the belief that prayer can change the direction of the future.

The gatherings will be as diverse as the communities and the people attending

them, said Scelba. The one event that all the gatherings will have in common is a song offered as a prayer for peace at 7 p.m., and of course, the bonfires which will light the coast.

"We have a choice about peace and this gathering is about raising our awareness of that choice," said Scelba. "And once our consciousness is raised that changes everything."

All gatherings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on June 21. In Bay St. Louis people will gather on the beach at the Washington Ave. Pier. In Waveland people will gather at the beach at Coleman Ave. In Pass Christian people will gather at the beach at Old Hwy. 90 near Henderson Point. For information on gathering in Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Gulfport or Long Beach or for other information call 228-452-9819.

Public Notice

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District is applying for federal funds for the 2005-2006 school year. The FY06 Consolidated Programs Application is available for public review and comments on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 from 7:00a.m. to 3:15p.m. in the district's central office at 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis. For more information, contact Donna Torres, Program Director, at 467-0444.

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church at 16223 3rd. St. in Pearlinton. Rev. Frederick L. Fields will pastor and special speaker will be Rev. George Matthews of the Rocky Hill Baptist Church of

Lumberton, N.C. The church is also asking that visiting church soloists or choirs participate in the program. For more information call 533-5595.

Hancock area researchers play a major role in Homeland Security counterterrorism exercise

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What started out to be an average Monday turned into anything but average. Bombs detonated, structures collapsed, sirens screamed, and troops were activated. Hospital staffs scurried to the aid of hundreds of victims as they streamed into hospitals with unidentifiable symptoms. Was the United States under attack? Yes - and no.

Simulated attacks of this nature took place all over New Jersey and Connecticut in early spring during the third in a series of counterterrorism preparedness exercises mandated by Congress to test the ability to prepare for and respond to an actual attack. The United States, United Kingdom and Canada cooperated in Top Officials 3 (TO3), designed to strengthen the nation's capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist

attacks involving weapons of mass destruction. The scenario is plausible, but purely fictional.

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff, over 10,000 participants from 27 federal agencies, and more than 200 government officials and private sector organizations made this the largest exercise of its kind in history dealing with counterterrorism. And researchers from the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), Stennis Space Center (SSC) were right in the middle of the action.

Kevin Shaw, John Sample, Frank McCreedy and Les Baham, all from the Marine Geosciences Division, spent the week in the TO3 command cell generating worldwide maps and imagery using the Geospatial Information Database (GIDB), with John Breckenridge supporting from NRL SSC. "We have

the unique ability of pulling together information from 800 simultaneously connected geospatial sources that allow us to provide the richest geospatial context for situational awareness currently possible," said Shaw. Geospatial context is the act of providing the user with as much environmental information of the surrounding area as possible (streets, buildings, waterways, airports) - as if the user were actually present at that location. Maps and charts were generated around the clock and sent to various exercise sites as required.

NRL's GIDB Portal System is a standards-based portal for geospatial information discovery, access and mapping. The system is a powerful tool for gathering near- and real-time environmental data from various sources obtained via the Internet. The information is displayed in a Geographic

Information System-like fashion for data overlay and comparison.

The GIDB served as the provider of geospatial information to the Master Control Cell as well as all other participants. The system connected over 750 geospatial sources to generate hardcopy plots and provide digital versions of mapping products.

Based on NRL's performance in the previous TO2 exercise, DHS officials requested NRL to provide the GIDB technology again this year. Instant mapping products from GIDB allowed the actual mayors, governors and first responders to quickly orient themselves with the extent of simulated disasters and immediately begin response planning. The [fake] exercise news team used the products to challenge officials on their decisions in a realistic fashion. The GIDB provided everything from large-scale hard copy plots

of imagery of cities overlaid with street information, to digital projected maps overlaid with plume dispersion model data and weather information.

"With the positive impression NRL's people and technology left with the exercise officials, we anticipate playing an even greater role with DHS in the future," said Mike Harris, Head of NRL's Mapping, Charting and Geodesy Branch.

Although the Portal System and software are fully government owned it is openly available for usage at <http://dmap.nrlssc.navy.mil>. For additional information on using this system, contact Kevin Shaw at kshaw@nrlssc.navy.mil.

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Bay announces new business partnership for local artists

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Bay Saint Louis Mayor Eddie Favre this week announced a new endeavor involving Bay Saint Louis artists Susan Crane and Connie Boussom. The two local artists have been invited by Brennan Travel Agency to join with photographer Pat Burke of New Orleans to provide art and photography instruction on a six-day-seven night cruise on the Carnival Conquest leaving from New Orleans November 27.

"We are very pleased that the well-respected Brennan Agency, New Orleans, is branching out in Bay Saint Louis with local representative Eddie Woodham. Eddie quickly identified how our artists would make great new partners with the travel industry, putting a package together that is sure to be fun and exciting," said the Mayor.

The art and photography cruise will leave New Orleans to visit Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel with three days at sea to participate in the

paint and photography workshops. In addition to the shore days of sightseeing and shopping and the sea days of painting and photography classes, the Brennan travelers will enjoy a special dinner in the Nouveau Supper Club and a private cocktail party.

"Always looking for ways to increase the income of our working artists, this cruise is another great way to help people understand why the Bay is 'A Place Apart,' whether on our shore or someone else's. This cruise, planned by Brennan, brings together the best of New Orleans and Bay Saint Louis," added the Mayor.

For more information, please call Woodham at 228-671-1480 or 504-606-4318.

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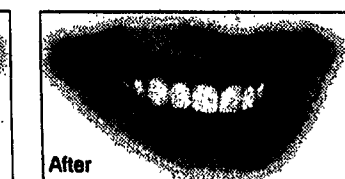
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GRATEFULLY, JAMES C. "JIM" THIFFILEY III

Boil water notice issued for Oak Harbor area

Total Environmental Solutions Inc. has issued a Boil Water Notice for people who live in the Oak Harbor subdivision in Hancock County. The system lost pressure due to electrical failure at the well. These precautions should be taken until public notice is given.

Lee Purvis, Manager of Operations for the water system, said this precautionary action is necessary

whenever a public water system loses pressure for any reason. As soon as pressure is restored to those customers affected, water system officials will begin collection water samples for testing. When pressure is restored, officials recommend customers vigorously boil any water to be consumed for one minute. Users will be notified when tests show the water is safe.

Vacation Bible school

A Ramblin' Road Trip Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Don't miss the Chamber After Hours today at 5

A big Welcome goes out to all Mississippi Newspaper folks who are in Bay St. Louis for the 139th Annual Mississippi Press Association Summer Convention.

Bay St. Louis and Hancock County for the next couple days have the honor of having the most Mississippi newspaper publishers, general managers, editors, reporters, photographers etc., than ever before in local history.

Of course, the headquarters for this great event is the Bay St. Louis Casino Magic Resort.

This three-day meeting will give me an opportunity to renew many acquaintances I have made over the years.

The first Mississippi Press Association meeting I attended was at the Biloxi Broadwater.

For sure, I have made a lot of friends across the state over the years.

I hope that each and every one who attends will have a great time and come back again.

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's June Business After Hours this evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

The sponsors are Coast Electric Power Association and Daniel's South Beach (formerly Dan B's). The After Hours will take place at

Daniel's South Beach, 109 South Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis.

As many of you know, an extensive renovation has taken place at the former Dan B's, and this will give you an opportunity to see great changes that have been made.

There will be some great refreshments and snacks for this special After Hours.

Do not forget, the bring along a couple business cards, as there will be drawings for door prizes.

The event is open to chamber members and guests.

For sure, we 'dodged a bullet' as an old saying goes in reference to Tropical Storm Arlene.

It was sure early in the hurricane season for our area to be under a tropical storm warning and hurricane watch.

Forecasters indicate this will be a big hurricane season and it sure seems to be getting started early.

What has become an annual event is for Space supporters across the Nation's annual visit to Congressional Offices in Washington, D.C.

This NASA supporters groups includes many folks from Mississippi and Louisiana, with the John C. Stennis Space Center

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State's bond rate is troubling

The dirty little secret about governmental financing in Mississippi is that the state's bonded debt tripled between 1994 and 2004, our per capita debt rose faster than most other states and our bond rating dropped.

What few Mississippians know—and lawmakers are mighty quiet about it—is that it now takes more tax money to pay interest and principal on the state's bonded debt than it does to fund some vital programs as corrections, mental health

or the University Medical Center.

In actual numbers, fiscal leaders know it'll cost \$280 million out of the state general fund to service our state debt in FY2006 beginning July 1.

But in the \$3.9 billion state budget lawmakers finally hammered out in special legislative session in May and signed by Gov. Haley Barbour, the final figure appropriated \$65 million short of what will be needed to meet state debt obligations.

That means lawmakers in January will automatically be facing a \$65 million deficit appropriation to service our outstanding bond obligations, and possibly more if additional bonds are issued.

For a number of years in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, state lawmakers, still remembering the bad old Depression days when Mississippi had gotten itself deep in the hole borrowing money, did virtually all major state capital outlay on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Consequently, in FY 1994, Mississippi taxpayers owed a state debt of only \$0.9 billion. But when lawmakers went on a bond issuing binge during the latter 1990s, the total state's bonded indebtedness soared, and

now stands at \$3.5 billion as FY 2005 ends.

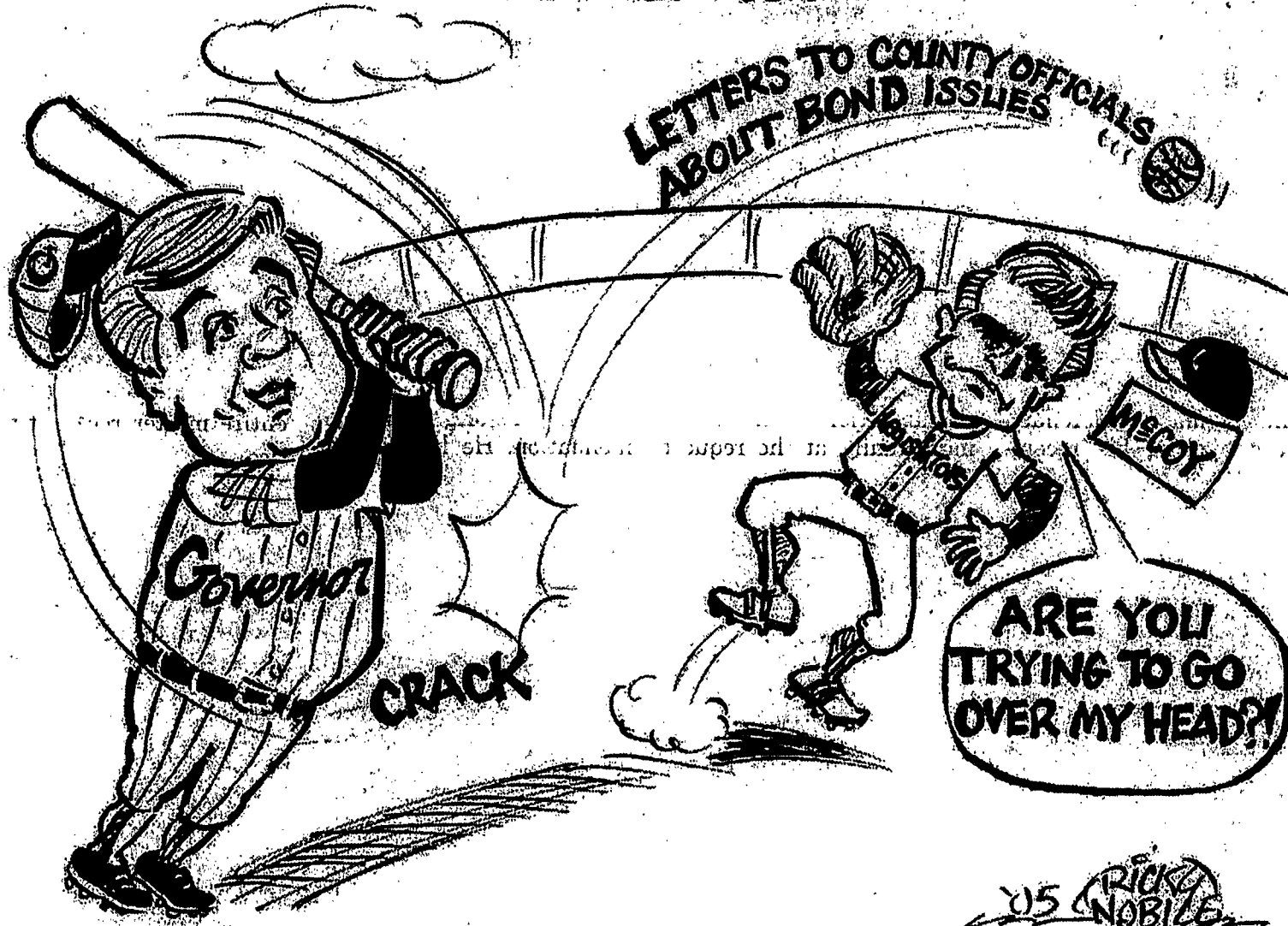
And another \$1.5 billion in bonds that have been authorized by the Legislature just have not yet been issued.

However, before citizens become overly alarmed about our rising state debt, it must be pointed out that we're still well within the state bonded debt limit written into the state constitution by voters back in 1960.

A report by State Treasurer Tate Reeves to the Legislature earlier this year showed that under the constitution debt limit, the state actually could have issued \$5 billion more bonds

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HOME RUN



Letters to the Editor

Hancock Board need to appoint new member, forget playing politics

Dear Editor:
Do the taxpayers of the Hancock County School District know that on June 2, your superintendent David Kopf gave himself a \$6,600 raise and your board of education allowed it? This is in addition to a \$1,000 incremental raise he already received this year and all this after only serving 18 months in office. This man set his own salary scale. Board member Peggy Ladner tried to reason with the other board members with no success. She tried to convince them that his salary should be negotiated by the board separately from the administrators. Then she tried to convince them to remove him from the administrators' scale and keep his salary scale on the superintendent's scale that was already in place. These 3 board members did not seem aware that such a scale existed. Mrs. Ladner then stated that we may be

the only school district in the state that allows the superintendent to set his own salary and recommend it to the board. I called 26 districts, half with elected and half with appointed superintendents. All but one of the districts I contacted negotiates their superintendent's salary. That one used a scale but said the board established the superintendent's salary. I also asked Mrs. Ladner why she voted for it when she so vehemently opposed it. She explained that she was worried that the directors and principals might think she was voting against their well deserved raises.

District 5 has no representation on the board. We have 2 new members who are able to hold the board hostage by failing recommendations with a tie vote. As of the June 2 meeting, neither had attended their

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What's going on at the Hancock School Board?

Dear Editor:
There's more going on in the Hancock County School District than meets the eye. It seems that the two new board members, with very little experience are going against the recommendation of three administrators, and voting to fire the boys' basketball coach. It takes a lot of gall to do that after just coming on the board in January.

Why are they are so adamantly opposed to a coach they know nothing about, except for the complaints of a few disgruntled

parents? With more experience, they will learn that they will get complaints about many and they can't vote to fire them all. However, there may be an underlying reason why they are staunchly upholding their position, in spite of all the outpouring of support for Coach Ladner from present and former players and their parents. They may actually be supporting the superintendent. Has anyone noticed Supt. David Kopf's silence in all of this? Kopf

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than it had outstanding at the start of 2005.

However, the 1960 bonding provision, which limits state indebtedness to one and one half times the state general fund collected for the past highest of four years, is overly generous in the estimation of some legislative fiscal leaders.

Rep. Cecil Brown (D-Jackson), considered by most the Legislature's top fiscal guru, said he has been planning to push a constitutional amendment to tighten the authorized state debt limit. "It's just too high," Brown declared.

Although it's no time yet to panic over the rising state debt, there are, indeed, some nuggets of genuine concern for Mississippians about the trend in state borrowing in a just-released study on rising state debt by Marianne Hill of the state's Economic Research Center in the

State College Board.

One alarm sounded by Hill is that while in the early 1990s Mississippi was coasting along with a per capita state debt level below the U.S. median, in the next 10 years, our per capita state debt jumped to twice the national median.

Perhaps more worrisome in the Hill study is that the state's net tax-supported debt as a percentage of personal income of Mississippians in the last 10 years grew faster than almost every other state. Only Kansas and Oregon added more per capita debt than we did.

Starting from 1992, when the percentage of Mississippians owed in state debt was only \$240, or 2.4 per cent of their per capita income, putting us in the lower one-third of the nation as a whole, by 2003 our per capita debt had risen to \$1,200, or 5.2 per-

cent of personal income, making us 8th in nation.

Only such noted big spenders as New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey were ahead of us in high per capita debt ratios.

Readers must be reminded that we're talking here only about STATE per capita debt, not the national debt. In Washington, the national debt limit has been going through the roof in the Bush Administration years with two foreign wars, one in Afghanistan and the other in Iraq, being fought on borrowed money.

As Hill points out in her report, the federal debt currently amounts to \$26,793 for every man, woman and child in the country. It has increased \$1,127 per person so far in this fiscal year and is rising, as Mississippi's own U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, a close national watcher notes.

In Mississippi if you

threw into our debt mix what local governments owe, the total of what Mississippi residents owe in governmental obligations would be considerably higher.

According to Hill's report the total debt outstanding for Mississippi's local governments as of FY2002 amounted to \$5.77 billion, significantly topping what the state owes.

Putting together both state and local debt, the Hill study adds, then our per capita governmental debt obligations would rise to \$3,464.

All of the above is not to scare Mississippians, but as Marianne Hill points out, the significant shift in the amount of the state's hard pressed expendable cash going toward debt service means there's less money to take care of our day-to-day vital services such as health or education.

Politics -- letters

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first new board member training. I attended a meeting where Mrs. Peggy Ladner was commended for being in the top 1% of all board members in the state in receiving board training and development.

I did some checking and learned that only 5 board members in the entire state had more hours than Mrs. Ladner. Mr. Morgan Ladner gets only the minimum 6 hours required.

Mrs. Ladner also has more years of experience on the board than the other 3 board members combined. She is the only board mem-

ber who didn't walk into the job unopposed. She won her election with more than 65% of the vote against 2 opponents, one of whom was the incumbent. Her passion for her job and her dedication to our children are apparent at every meeting I have attended. And yet Mr. Packer Ladner and Mr. David Kopf treat her with contempt and disrespect and President Morgan Ladner allows it.

She fights for our kids and teachers, and she's fighting politics.

On another matter, the boardroom was packed with

parents and students who tried to convince the 2 new board members not to fire their basketball coach. The public was very orderly, but President Morgan Ladner, after giving permission to speak, would interrupt and cut people off. Neither Packer Ladner, nor Rose Acker would give a reason why they voted against the recommendation of 3 administrators to re-hire this coach. President Morgan Ladner instructed the board not to answer the public's questions. Packer Ladner's arrogance and lack of professionalism was

appalling. He leaned back in his chair, his feet propped on the table top. I am not a basketball parent, but as a voting taxpayer of District 5, it is unacceptable that 2 rookie board members will fail the re-hiring of a coach with a tie vote with just 4 months' experience. I beg them to at least wait for the 5th board member to be elected.

No one should lose their job due to a tie vote.

The next meeting is June 16 and I urge the public to attend.

Respectfully,
Ann Morgan, Fenton

Board -- letters

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has, on more than one occasion, adamantly defended and supported his recommendations to the board, when it appears they may vote against him, but he has not said one word in defense of his recommendation or of Coach Ladner. Has anyone seen any evidence of his support for his coach's recommendation? Now Kopf

brings these coaching recommendations to the board individually, at the request of one board member. In the past this has never been done. The recommendations for the renewal of all staff members have always been presented to the board in groups by school or department. If he really supported his administrators and

Coach Ladner, he would stand by his original recommendation. He knows that splitting them up would mean the end for Coach Ladner by a tie vote. It's bad enough when board members show no trust in our administrators but it is unacceptable when the superintendent shows his lack of trust in his adminis-

trators' decisions. This entire matter reeks of politics.

As several people who attended the meeting of June 2 have said, "David Kopf's silence speaks volumes."

Respectfully,
Chris Mortin

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sitting in our county.

To get an idea of the impact space exploration plays on our economic development, there are some 24,391 space related jobs in the southern areas of the neighboring states of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Partners of Stennis are in attendance, as well as several others from our immediate area.

Organizers of the trip to Washington say it is important because it gives citizens the opportunity to express to Congress how important they believe space exploration is for U.S. leadership and economic vitality.

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TOPS, MS #233, met Tuesday, June 14 at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Ave. and Vacation Ln.

There were 11 members present. Gift and incentive were won by Charlotte. TOPS best losers for the week were Debbie and Jeanette with a loss of 1.25 pounds each.

TOPS, MS #233, meet

every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-in is from 5 - 5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS MS #233 Chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

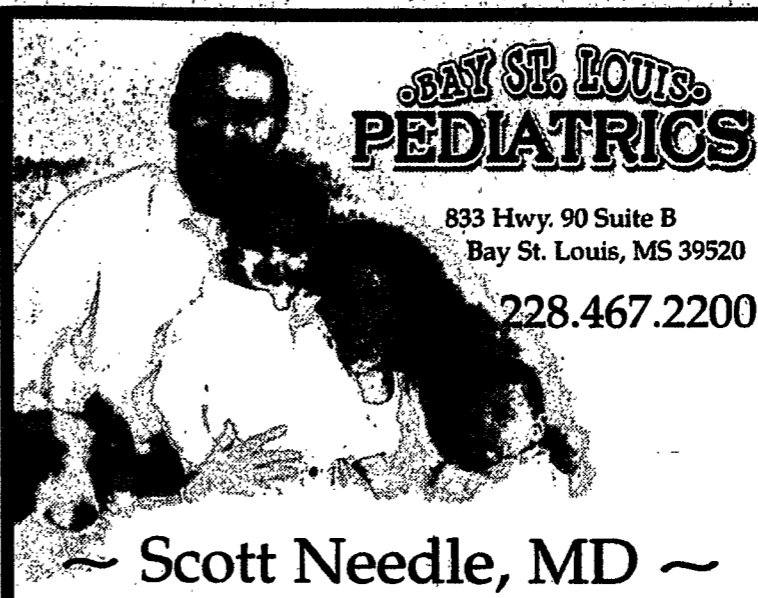
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Thanks,
Bill Taylor

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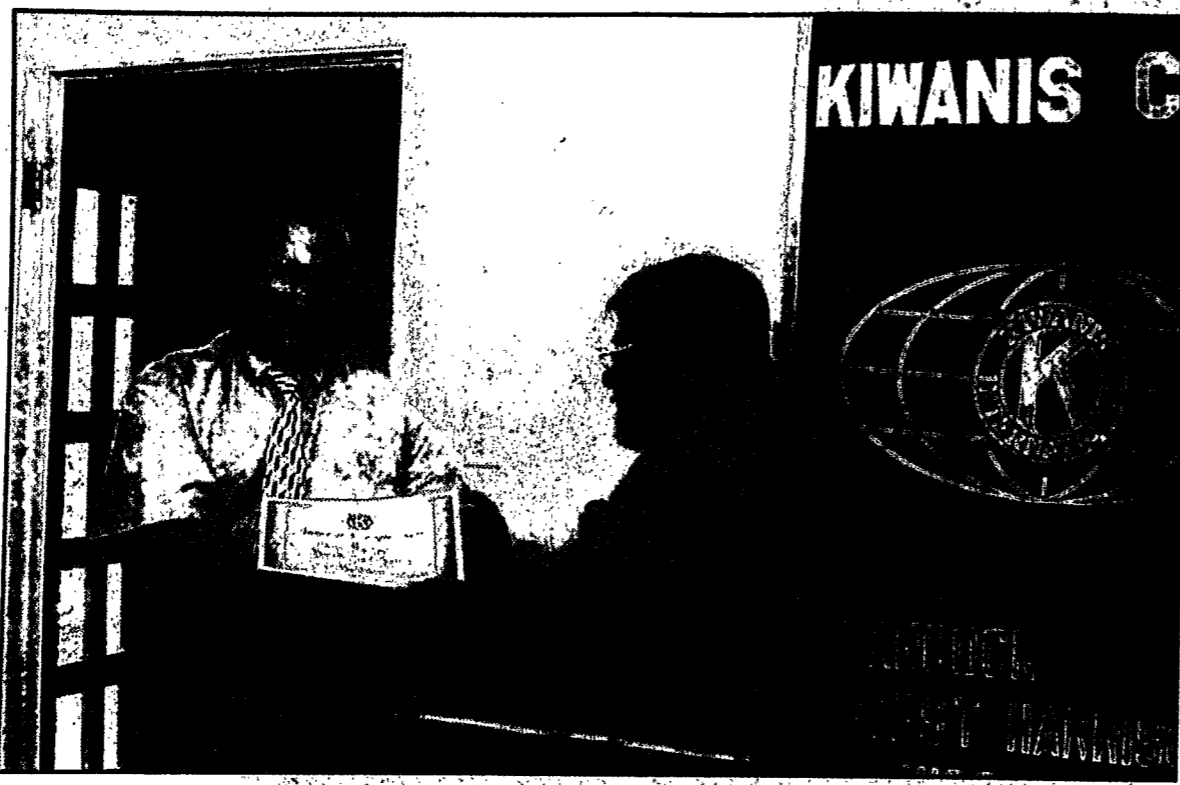
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Hancock/West Harrison Kiwanis Club honors law officers



David Murtagh of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.



Corporal John Mitchell of the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

The Kiwanis Club of Hancock/West Harrison recently honored four law enforcement officials for their outstanding service to their various communities with \$50 gift certificates and a letter of appreciation for their exceptional devotion to duty. Southern Delights Restaurant and Catering added their own \$25 gift certificate for each of the honorees. This is an annual event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to recognize the outstanding work of our police officers.



Eddie Jennings of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.



John Salterrell of the Waveland Police Department.

Kiwanian, Judge Jay Lagasse, was the Master of Ceremonies for this event and is pictured with the four recipients.

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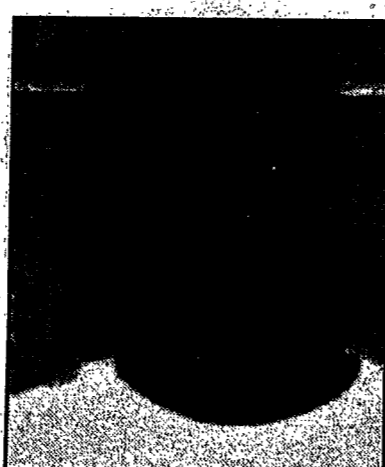
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UAB student sets record for volunteers at children's hospital

Eighteen individuals were nominated for the 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. The largest number ever.

A record was set when it was announced that college student Brent Acker, was co-recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Brent Acker, a UAB pre-med student, received the award for his outstanding volunteer work in Clinic 11/Orthopedics. Among other things, his efforts help lay the ground work for a service-learning program in the hospital. One of the individuals nominating



Brent Acker

Brent wrote the "his personality is one that can lift your spirits and reminds you why you come to Children's each day."

Brent is a 2002 graduate of Saint Stanislaus. He is currently a senior at The University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB). Volunteering is only one of the many things that Brent shares his time. He is a member and serves as Treasurer of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and volunteers at Ronald McDonald House on Saturdays along with his Fraternity. He is a member and server on the Committee Board of Student National Medical Association (SNMA). Brent is a member and Service Chairperson for Minority

Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS). He is currently Treasurer for the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA). Also, Brent has recently accepted an invitation to participate in the 2005 UAB Summer Medical Education Program (SMEP) which is an intensive 6 week paid medical program.

Brent's future plans are to graduate from UAB summer 2006 and attend medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon. He is the son of William and Tanya Washington of Slidell and the grandson of Gaynell Acker and Sylvia Charles of Bay St. Louis, MS.

Circle G Ranch Vacation Bible School begins 6/27

On Monday, June 27, United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bay St. Louis will have registration for Circle G Ranch Vacation Bible School. The camp dates are Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The camp is for children ages 4 to rising 6th graders.

Children will enjoy music, crafts, Bible and

mission stories, snacks and recreation in this fun adventurous week at Main Street United Methodist Church. The children are to wear the colors of the day: Monday, red; Tuesday, purple; Wednesday, gold; Thursday, green; and Friday, blue. There's no fee to attend. For more information, contact the church office at 467-4538.

Pass Library hosts pottery event today

The Pass Christian Public Library will present its 2005 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Fantastic Reading." The Library will sponsor special programs throughout the month of June.

Today, Thursday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m., Deen and the Gang from the George Ohr Museum will come to the Pass Christian Library to teach children to make pinch pots.

This will be an educational and entertaining event for children. Let Deen and her gang bring out your child's creative side. The

event is free, and everyone is welcome.

While visiting the library, parents are welcome to register their children for the Summer Reading program. Many fun events are planned throughout the month of June. When children read books, they will be able to register for prizes to be given out at the close of the program.

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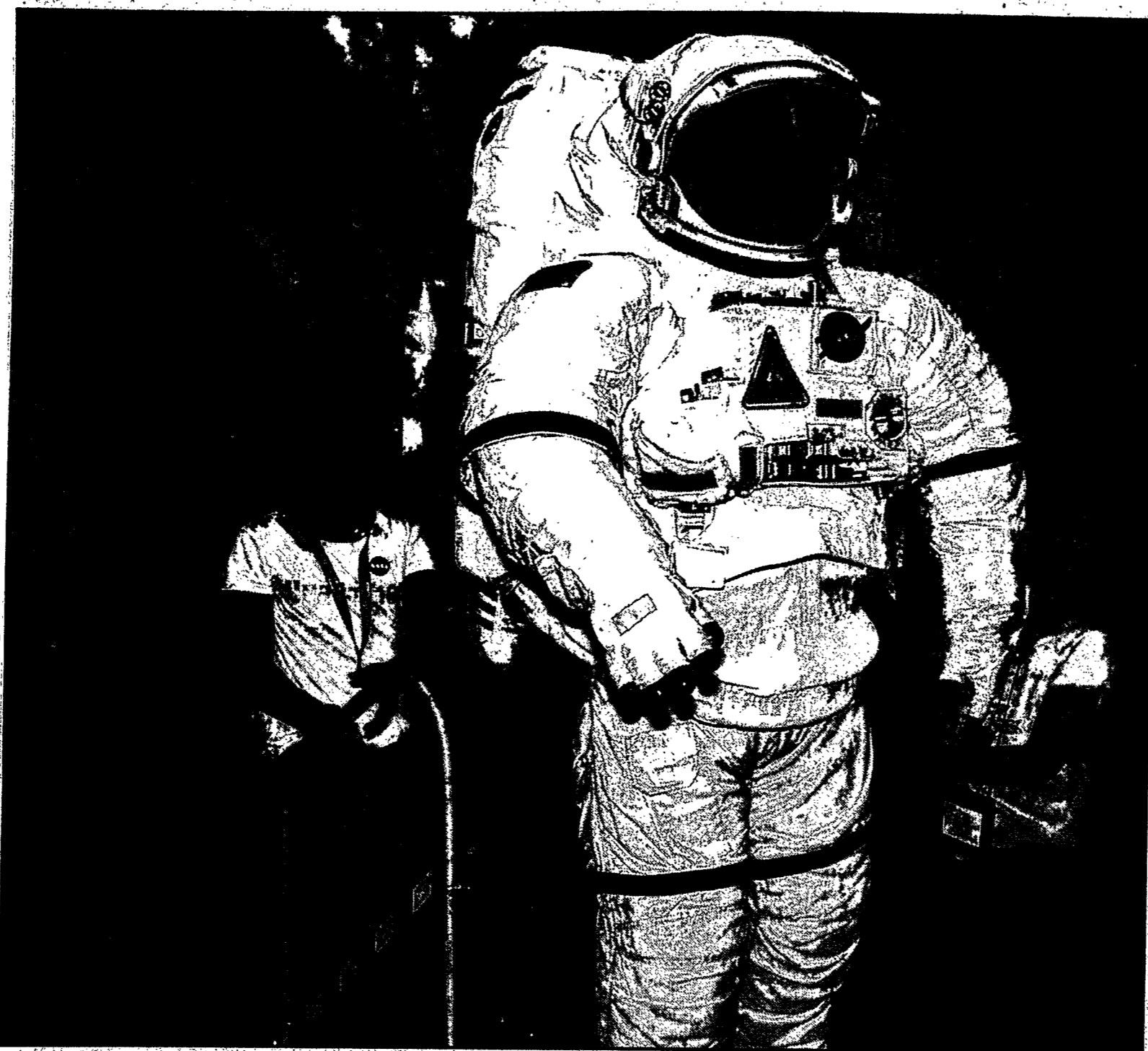
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Finding their own space



Klanna Pierre (left), 9; Justin Terrell, 8; and Jaylin Barfield, 7, take turns 'suing up for a spacewalk' at StennisSpace, the visitor center at NASA's Stennis Space Center (SSC) near Bay St. Louis, Miss. The three joined fellow members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast, Pass Christian Unit, on a field trip to StennisSpace. The space suit is a part of StennisSpace's Space Shuttle Return to Flight exhibit celebrating the Space Shuttle Discovery's upcoming launch this summer. SSC tests all the Space Shuttle's Main Engines at America's largest rocket engine test complex. Tours begin at StennisSpace's Launch Pad, Hancock County (Miss.) Welcome Center, Interstate 10, Exit 2. Admission to StennisSpace is free. All visitors age 18 and older must present a valid photo I.D., such as a driver's license or passport. For information or to book a group tour, visit www.nasa.gov/centers/stennis/news/index.html and click on the StennisSpace logo, or call (800) 237-1821 or (228) 688-2370.

Hancock Middle School presents 8th grade awards

Perfect Attendance (All School Year) - Haley Cuevas, Rachael Fournet, Guillermo Gibson, Jessica Hudson, Marcus Lewis, Alyssa Pagano.

Language Arts Academic - Nicki Relan, Melissa Wilson, Rachael Fournet, Haley Cuevas, Megan Saucier.

Language Arts Achievement - Devin Ladner, Brittany Ladner, Danielle Malley, Rachel Cuevas, Brittany Mendel.

Math Academic - Melissa Wilson, Nicholas Hall, Waylon Shows, Allie Ruhr, Alicia Burton, Jared Lally, Devin Harwell.

Math Achievement - Kari Moran, Uriel Espino, Richard Dye, Eva Jensen, Cecilia Rogers, Dakota Alley, Jessica Robinson.

Reading Academic - Bailey Stewart, Guillermo

Gibson, Stephan Haas, Jared Lally, Amber Farve.

Reading Achievement - Joli Fricke, Brittany Raphael, Emmie Wade, Uriel Espino, Josh Trosclair, Wayne Seymour.

Science Academic - Melissa Wilson, Kimberly Sawyer, Roseanna Tebo, Wayne Seymour, Amber Farve.

Science Achievement - Steven Kirkup, Brittany Urbaniak, Whitney Bosworth, Carolyn Corkern, Brittne Cuevas, Wayne Neville.

History Academic - Amanda Knoblock, Katie Wilson, Nicki Relan, Samantha Cassell.

History Achievement - Richard Dye, Rachael Kowalski, Heather Green, Katie King, Wayne Neville.

Computer Discovery Academic - Kimberly

Sawyer, Justin Schultz, Ambyre McPherson.

Computer Discovery Achievement - Alyssa Pagano, Travis Smith, Wayne Seymour, Nicholas Schwartz.

Health/Physical Education Academic - Alexis Ladner, Roseanna Tebo.

Health/Physical Education Achievement - Chelsey Martin, Jordan Pavolini, Andrea Faye, Devon Ladner.

Exploratory Classes Academic - Elizabeth Killinger, Haley Cuevas, Lee Gagnon, Rachael Fournet, Jill Harris, Della Myers, Nicki Relan.

Exploratory Classes Achievement - Rachael Fournet, Donovan Grimsley, Joseph Marcussen, Felicia Sullivan, Sarah LeSieur, Rachel Cuevas.

Pass Christian Art Assoc. meets

The monthly meeting of the Pass Christian Art Association will be held Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pass Christian Library. The guest artist will be Louise Miller of Artistic Expressions in Biloxi which

opened in November. The topic of her presentation is Special Effects in Watercolor Painting.

She works primarily in watercolors and paints mainly from nature.

Her paintings are realistic and her subjects are gar-

dens, landscapes and still life. She is a native of Louisiana and lived Rochester, NY, prior to her recent arrival on the Coast. Guests are welcome and there is no charge. For information call Ernie Allison at (228) 452-4188.

Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse needs volunteers

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is in need of volunteers.

They are a non-profit agency that offers free services to at risk children and their families.

They will be holding a

training class on Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, June 28 and 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Center depends on volunteers to help promote

their motto, "You can change the world... One family at a time." If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, or Stone County please call Jennifer at 228-868-8686.

'05-'06 MS shrimp season set to open Tuesday, June 21

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the opening of shrimp season in Mississippi waters for Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 6 a.m. This action is being taken following eight weeks of intensive shrimp sampling in Mississippi waters.

The legal minimum size for shrimp in Mississippi is 68 shrimp per pound. This minimum average size is used as a standard for determining the opening date. Certain areas may be closed to shrimping activity if sampling indicates that a large number of small shrimp have moved into a particular area.

All regulations set forth

in ordinances of the DMR are to be in full force, and effect, and all vessels engaged in catching or transporting shrimp in or from the waters of Mississippi must be legally licensed.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

Hancock Democrats to meet

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m. in the Hancock County Library, Bay St. Louis

Branch, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS. The public is welcome.

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THE BAY ST. LOUIS - WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOW OPERATING WITH PROJECTED TOTAL BUDGET REVENUE OF \$13,014,368. (44%) OR \$5,758,429. OF SUCH REVENUE IS OBTAINED FROM AD VALOREM TAXES. FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THE PROPOSED BUDGET HAS A TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE OF \$16,048,238. OF THAT AMOUNT, (38%) OR \$6,061,714. IS PROPOSED TO BE FINANCED THROUGH A TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX LEVY.

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Business News

Hancock Bank to acquire J. Everett Eaves, Inc.

THE SEA COAST ECHO executives at 106-year-old Hancock Bank and at 87-year-old J. Everett Eaves, Inc. (JEE), announced jointly today that they have signed a definitive agreement which would allow Hancock Bank to acquire JEE as a division of Hancock Insurance Agency, a subsidiary of Hancock Bank. The acquisition is expected to be complete in mid-summer 2005.

According to the anticipated terms of the agreement, Hancock will acquire JEE in an all-cash transaction. The post-purchase entity will retain the name J. Everett Eaves and become an affiliate of Hancock Insurance Agency. Additionally, JEE plans to maintain its existing agency team and operational structure, including its current Poydras Center and Covington offices.

Established in 1899 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Hancock Bank, one of America's strongest, safest financial institutions, entered the New Orleans

market with a legacy as a Gulf South financial leader committed to understanding and serving local communities.

Hancock Insurance Agency, founded in 1902, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hancock Bank. Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (IABA) recently named Hancock Insurance Agency a "Best Practices" agency.

JEE, founded in 1918, is a highly regarded New Orleans based, independent insurance agency providing complete insurance needs for individuals and businesses and representing some of the nation's most successful carriers, including St. Paul/Travelers, CNA and Zurich. JEE, with current revenues of \$3.9 million and 29 employees, has offices in New Orleans and the Northshore.

Chris Roth, CPCU, vice president of Hancock Insurance Agency, said, "With the acquisition of Hattiesburg's Ross-King-Walker (RKW) last November and now of J. Everett Eaves, Hancock Insurance Agency has

grown from a \$4 million company to an \$8 million company. What this means to the customer is broader, more efficient, and effective risk management choices that support companies' financial success."

Both companies agree that a compatible business philosophy is important to the partnership. According to John Beckmann, Jr., president of JEE, "Both Hancock Bank and JEE have subscribed to a business philosophy that stems from unwavering traditions of excellence. The two companies share a rich heritage, impeccable integrity, and a founding pledge to quality customer service."

Hancock's regional presence and reputation as a financial services industry leader, coupled with J. Everett Eaves' professional expertise and selection of providers, make this a winning combination.

Cornelius "Hap" C. Crusel, Jr., chairman/CEO of JEE, said, "By partnering with Hancock Bank, we secure a stronger regional presence and expand our opportunities to serve a

wider range of insurance and investment needs with additional insurance options, financial services, and wealth management solutions. Additionally, this venture extends our business footprint across south Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida."

Last year, Hancock acquired Ross-King-Walker, Inc., a well-known Hattiesburg, MS, based property and casualty insurance pioneer.

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) - the parent company of Hancock Bank Mississippi, Hancock Bank of Louisiana, Hancock Bank of Florida, and Magna Insurance Company - has assets of \$4.8 billion. Hancock Bank stands among the top four percent of all United States banks, according to a Veribanc, Inc. Blue Ribbon rating for 50 consecutive quarters, and has received a BauerFinancial, Inc., five-star superior rating (the highest rating possible) for exceptional performance the past 41 consecutive quarters. Hancock Bank

operates 103 offices and more than 130 automated teller machines in South Mississippi, Louisiana, and the Florida Panhandle as well as other subsidiaries Hancock Investment Services, Inc., and Harrison Finance Company. Hancock also has corporate trust offices in Gulfport, MS, Jackson, MS, Baton Rouge, LA, and downtown New Orleans, LA, and a business financial center in Alabama's port city of Mobile. Additional information about Hancock Bank is available at www.hancock-bank.com.

Additional information about JEE is available at www.jeeaves.com.

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PRCC board adopts \$43.1M budget

THE SEA COAST ECHO The Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$43.1 million for the 2005-06 academic year Tuesday during the regular June meeting on the Poplarville campus.

This marks the eleventh time in the school's history that the budget is more than \$30 million, and the third time it has surpassed the \$40 million mark.

Roger Knight, Dean of Business Services, explained that the \$43.1 million for the 2005-2006 budget includes both restricted and unrestricted funds.

"The new budget is an increase of \$1.1 million over last year's budget," said Knight. "The increases in both revenues and expenditures are a direct result of the growth being experienced at both the Poplarville and Hattiesburg campuses."

The Current Unrestricted fund totaled \$22.3 million. Knight projected \$17.2 million of this amount will go toward salaries and fringe benefits.

Revenue projections for fiscal year 2006 reflect an increase in state funding

(\$503,000), due to recent enrollment increases, while funding support from Pearl River Community College's six-county district reflect a slight decrease.

The board also voted to implement an increase in student tuition from \$760 to \$810 for the 2005-06 school year, and an increase in the hourly rate from \$76 to \$86. A major portion of the expenditure increase is comprised of a four percent salary increase for PRCC employees.

"Salary increases have been a key focus of the administration over the recent fiscal years in an effort to improve the institution's salary ranking within the Mississippi community college system," said Knight. "Such positioning has enabled the institution to attract the very best in faculty and staff."

Said PRCC President William Lewis, "With all the budget cuts we have absorbed in the last couple of years, this budget is reflective of a total team effort. The faculty and staff had input in our budget. Our increased enrollment in recent years offers strong endorsement for the academic and career-technical

education offered at PRCC."

The board approved the hiring of Scott Alsobrooks as Director of Workforce Education, replacing Ed Felsner, who is retiring at the end of this month.

The board also approved the hiring of instructors Barbara Mathis (English),

Kelly Tucker (Mathematics), Stephen Black (History), Wanda Darlene Gray (Learning Lab) on the Poplarville campus, and Douglas Donohue (Mathematics) and Terra Cox (Medical Laboratory Technology) at the Forrest County Center.

Diamondhead Business and Professional Assoc. to meet

THE SEA COAST ECHO The next membership meeting will be on Thursday, June 23 at 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Diamondhead Country Club.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Mike Reader, Chief Meteorologist at WLOX-TV in Biloxi. He will share tips on hurricane season and other weather related topics.

Business After Hours will be the same day from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. hosted by Virginia Boyle, owner of The Better Communication Clinic, next door to the People's Bank in Diamondhead.

The DBPA is in need of a host business for our August After Hours.

Upcoming Events:

July Speaker: Ms. Patricia Nichols, Manager of DuPont in Delisle.

July After Hours: Hancock Bank of Diamondhead, Sherrell Johnson, Branch Manager.

August Speaker: Admr. Tom Donaldson, Director of Stennis Space Center.

August After Hours: To be announced.

September Speaker: To be announced.

September After Hours: Tux-n-Tails, Terry Downie, Diamondhead Florist, Lynn Nelson and Diamondhead Cleaners, Angie Welter. Location to be announced.

October Meeting: Election of 2006 Directors.

October After Hours: October Fest at Indian Hill. Sponsored by the merchants at Indian Hill Blvd.

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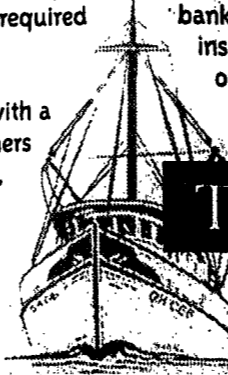
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Obituaries

MABLE DAVIS JOANN HOLDEN RICHARD SANDEL

MABLE DAVIS
Mable Christmas Davis, 93, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died June 9, 2005, in New Orleans, LA.

She was a native of Logtown, MS, and a member of Valena C. Jones Methodist Church.

She is survived by son Robert Wilson of New Orleans, LA; daughter Dorothy Finister of New Orleans, LA; 8 grand children, 18 great grand children, and 1 great-great grand child.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 16, 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Valena C. Jones Methodist Church. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m., followed by burial at Lindsey Cemetery in Logtown.

Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JOANN HOLDEN

JoAnn T. Cuevas Holden, 63, of Kiln, died Wednesday, June 14, 2005 in Gulfport. She was a resident of Hancock County for over 46 years. She was a loving wife and mother and was of the Catholic faith.

Mrs. Holden was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Cora Ladner Cuevas; a son, Bruce Holden; two brothers, Mickey and Clinton Cuevas; and a sister, Marilyn Cuevas Steube.

She is survived by her husband, Dewey Holden of Kiln; three sons, Anthony, Mike, and Darwin Holden all of Kiln; one daughter, Rhonda Holden Fontenot of Kiln; three brothers, Richard, Warren and Clyde all of DeLisle; six sisters, Freda Gruys of Kiln, Maxine Tartavouille of Waveland, Myra Necaise, Karen Andrews and Gail Malley all of Fenton and Beverly Ladner of Dedeaux; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A visitation will be held at Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, on Thursday, June 16, 2005, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, June 17, 2005, 2:00 p.m., at Annunciation Catholic Church, with burial following at St. Joseph's Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.



RICHARD SANDEL
Richard "Wayne" Sandel, 73, of Diamondhead, MS,

died of cancer Friday, June 10, 2005, in Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Lemesa, TX, and lived in Diamondhead for the past 15 years. He was a Korean War veteran and retired from Borden Dairy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Clarence Sandel and his mother, Naomi Albertson Sandel, and 3 brothers, Herman Sandel, Merle Sandel, and Bill Sandel.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jimmie Polk Sandel of Diamondhead, M.; son, Stephen Wayne Sandel and his wife Sheila White Sandel, and a grandson, Stephen Jeffrey Sandel, all of Luling, LA; 2 sisters, Sue Adams of Tulia, TX, and Inis Greaves of Lamesa, TX; brother-in-law, Tom Polk and his wife Linda, of Granbury, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The funeral service will be in the funeral home chapel at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS, is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed and viewed via riemannfuneralhomes.com.

Mississippi 4-H reunion set in Hancock on July 26

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
Margaret Howell, Hancock County 4-H Youth Agent reports a Mississippi 4-H Reunion will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, 7 p.m., at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road.

Howell said, "Many folks may not know it, but 4-H was founded in the State of Mississippi over 100 years ago. Also the 4-H Museum in Jackson is the first in the United States."

The Peter Frierson Mississippi 4-H Museum is a 2,000 square foot facility located at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson.

The Reunion will also be the first to be held in the State of Mississippi and it will be at the Hancock County Civic Center, Howell reports.

Hancock County 4-H is organizing the multi-county 4-H Reunion to introduce the Jackson Museum to the people of South Mississippi. Dr. Susan Holder, State 4-H Program Leader and Morris

Houston, 4-H Development Officer and coordinator for the museum project will be here to introduce and answer questions about the museum.

Howell said, "The museum has been built and the State 4-H office is looking for 4-H alumni to help fill it. They are looking for old photographs, documents, artifacts, and stories (both written and oral) of Mississippi 4-H history. These articles can either be donated or loaned to the museum for display. Mississippi State University Library 4-H Archives will handle all cataloging, preserving and reproduction of these items."

Tentative plans for the Hancock Reunion include an area where alumni can bring some of their memorabilia to put on display for the special night.

Howell said the Hancock 4-H Reunion invites all past and present and the general public in the county and surrounding areas to attend.

"Make your 4-History a part of our 4-H history. Check your closets, attics, and desk drawers," Howell said.

"Ask your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and friends to attend this free fund and informative night. If you are interested in joining us for the night and showing your support for 4-H, please contact the Hancock County Extension Office at 228-467-5456, or your local County Extension Office and register that we will have an idea of the number of people attending."

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it. An accounting background is not necessary. The IRS provides volunteers with all training materials necessary to prepare basic income tax returns. Training will be conducted in January, but now is the time to sign up.

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Principal's List (A's and B's) - Nahid Akhtar, Willie Berry, Michel Breaux, Henry Breazeale, Zachary Broume, Benjamin Burlette, Courtney Cuevas, Rebecca Cuevas, Andrew Esslinger, Ian Ferguson, Brenee Ferrell, Caleb Finch, Harry Frierson, Brandi Graham, Ryan Hellmers, Amanda Hoda, Jon Claude Holt, Jacob House, Brandon Jorden, Ian Keenum, Courtney Lacoste, Kevin Lacoste, Chance Ladner, Kirsten Ladner, Maggie Ladner, Tyler Ladner, Jocelyn Laudisi, Lindsey Lee, Bryce Maggiore, Tiffany Marquar, Kord McCarty, Samuel McElveen, Stephanie McGowan, Victoria McKinley, Jordyn Meranto, Cody Moak, Courtney Moran, Raven Morgan, Spencer Morris, Bradley Morrow, John Munger, Skye Necaise, Heath Necaise, Cody Necaise, Jurene Necaise, Kayla Necaise, Brooke Newell, Michelle Newell, Matthew Nutter, Bailey Pittman, Molly Polk, Danielle Pullens, Jameson Sacco, Brian Seagren, Bethany Serdynski, Lyle Smith, Samantha Smith, Catherine Stephenson, Heather Stephenson, Alexis Summers, Samantha Thompson, Maryanne Tisdale, Victoria Turner, Waseem Uddin, Richard Wall, Verlinda Wilkerson, Jessica Wingfield, Charles Young.

Perfect Attendance - Sheryl Agamas, Nahid Akhtar, Andrew Besancon, Matthew Bikowski, Cedric Bolden, Douglas Bourgeois, Tyler Brewer, Quinn Cospelich, Daniel Guin, Jennifer Hearty, Andrew Heaton, Chance Ladner, Shanea Ladner, Vanessa Lamy, Selina Lightfoot, Samuel Luc, Bryce

Maggiore, Victoria McKinley, Brooks Meyers, Todd Padron, Beau Shubert, Catherine Stephenson, Michael White, Jessica Wingfield, Charles Young, English Academic - Kevin Lacoste.

English Most Improved - Christopher Cuevas. English I Academic - Henry Breazeale, Ian Ferguson, Tyler Ladner, Maryanne Tisdale.

English I Most Improved - Nahid Akhtar, Lyle Smith. English I Accelerated Academic - Melissa Ambrosino, Elizabeth Fucich.

English I Accelerated Most Improved - Quinn Cospelich, Lindsey Lee. Employment English II Academic - Ryan Hellmers. Employment English II Most Improved - Richard Wall.

Pre-Algebra Academic - Luke Berry. Transitional Algebra Academic - Aaron Baradell, Samuel McElveen, Alexis Summers.

Transitional Algebra Most Improved - John McElveen, Shantale Waltman.

Algebra I Academic - Melissa Ambrosino. Algebra I Most Improved - Richard Criss.

Algebra Year Long Academic - Jeremy Cardinale. Algebra Year Long Most Improved - Kirsten Ladner.

Functional Math Academic - Harry Frierson, Christopher Jones.

Technology Discovery Academic - Ashlen Bissell, Elizabeth Fucich, Taylor Graham, Rycki Haas, Kord McCarty, Chelsea Wahl.

Technology Discovery Most Improved - Darren Givean, Jacob House, Jacob Johnston, Stephen Leonard, Jonathan Maidenbaum, Victoria McKinley.

Geography Academic - Elizabeth Fucich, Ryan Hellmers, Jacob House, Heather Stephenson.

Geography Most Improved - Matthew Costanza, Megan Martin, Cory Ming, Amanda Singer.

Mississippi Studies Academic - Maggie Ladner, Heather Stephenson, Chelsea Wahl, Farron Whitt.

Mississippi Studies Most Improved - Tyler Brewer, Kirsten Ladner, Tiffany

Marlow, Molly Polk, Maryanne Tisdale.

Environmental Science Academic - Ashlen Bissell, Ian Ferguson, Elizabeth Fucich, Charissa Garriga, Jennifer Hightower, Jessica Jelinski.

Environmental Science Most Improved - Jessica Hoda, Cameron Ingersoll, Rochelle Jenkins, William Rasco, Kristen Tillery.

Vocational Skills Academic - Delbert Cuevas. JROTC Academic - Angel McDonald, Charles Young.

JROTC Most Improved - Brittney Adler, Joseph Casey, Selina Lightfoot.

Health Academic - Melissa Ambrosino, Ashlen Bissell, Chelsea Wahl.

Health Most Improved - Jacob Johnson, Molly Polk.

Spanish I Academic - Charissa Garriga, Samuel Luc.

Career Exploration Academic - Ryan Hellmers. Career Exploration Most Improved - Fred Zuvich.

Art I Academic - Jacob House. Art I Most Improved - Jurene Necaise.

Honors Geometry Academic - Elizabeth Fucich.

Honors Geometry Most Improved - Samantha Smith.

Geometry Academic - Chelsea Wahl.

Law Related Most Improved - Darren Giveans.

Humanities Academic - Taylor Graham.

Humanities Most Improved - Michelle Newell.

On Campus Work Academic - Kevin Lacoste.

On Campus Work Most Improved - Brandon Lee.

Life Skills Science Academic - Ryan Hellmers.

Life Skills Science Most Improved - Cory Ming.

U.S. History Academic - Tiffany Marquar.

World Geography Academic - Charissa Garriga, Hannah Ryan.

World Geography Most Improved - Joseph Casey, Sabrina Dinnella.

World History Most Improved - Adam Sullivan.

Career Prep Most Improved - Christopher Cuevas.

Family & Industrial Health Academic - Jessica Jelinski, Keeli Winston.

Chorus Most Improved - Tajia O'Farrell, Amanda Vaughn.

Dutreix awarded NASA exceptional achievement medal at Stennis ceremony

Lionel J. Dutreix, deputy chief of the Propulsion Test Directorate's Operations Division at NASA's Stennis Space Center (SSC), was awarded NASA's prestigious Exceptional Achievement Medal.

SSC Director Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson V, USN (Ret.) and NASA's Glenn Research Center (Ohio) Director Dr. Julian M. Earls presented the medal to Dutreix during a ceremony held at SSC on Thursday, June 9, 2005.

The NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal is given for a significant, specific accomplishment or contribution that significantly improves operations, effi-

ciency, service, financial savings, science or technology that contributes to NASA's mission.

Dutreix was given the award for dramatically enhancing the value, quality and scope of NASA's rocket propulsion testing services through innovative leadership and technical excellence. He was lauded for activating and testing the Space Shuttle External Tank.

Frost Characterization project, part of NASA's effort to return the Space Shuttle safely to flight. Dutreix was also recognized for installing a new data management system at SSC's A Test Complex, and for his

role in successful tests of the Integrated Powerhead Demonstrator for the development of future rocket engines.

Dutreix, a resident of Slidell, and New Orleans native, is a graduate of the University of New Orleans.

SSC is America's largest rocket engine test complex, and manages NASA's rocket propulsion testing. Besides rocket engine testing, SSC's Applied Sciences Directorate uses remote sensing technology to assist in solving problems related to erosion, agriculture and other practical problems. The center is located in Hancock County near Bay St. Louis.



Photo courtesy of NASA
Lionel Dutreix (second from right), deputy chief of the Propulsion Test Directorate's Operations Division at NASA's Stennis Space Center, receives NASA's prestigious Exceptional Achievement Medal from NASA's Glenn Research Center (Ohio) Director Dr. Julian M. Earls (center, rear) and SSC Director Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson V, USN (Ret.). With Dutreix are his family (from left): son Sam; wife, Sherri; son Evan; daughter, Claire; and son Lionel Jr. The medal was given to Dutreix during a ceremony held at SSC on Thursday, June 9. Dutreix is a resident of Slidell.

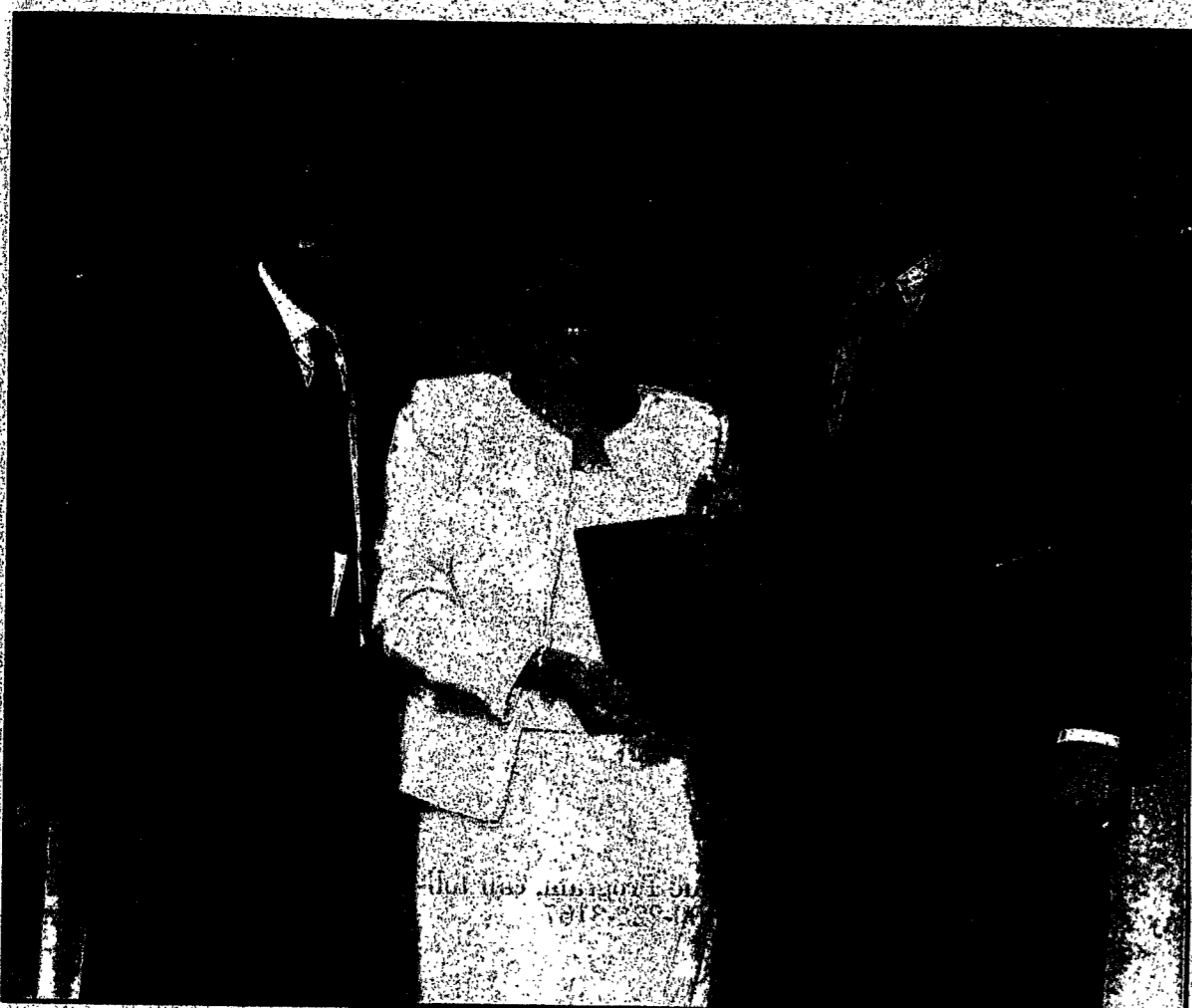


Photo courtesy of NASA
Marina Benigno (center), director of the Center Operations Directorate at NASA's Stennis Space Center, receives NASA's prestigious J. Harry Guin Outstanding Leadership Award from NASA's Glenn Research Center (Ohio) Director Dr. Julian M. Earls (left) and SSC Director Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson V, USN (Ret.). The award was given to Benigno during a ceremony held at SSC on Thursday, June 9.

Benigno receives NASA outstanding leadership award

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NASA's J. Harry Guin Outstanding Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has provided exemplary leadership that has significantly enhanced the role, capability, or professional recognition of SSC within the nation's space, scientific or administrative communities.

The award is named in honor of J. Harry Guin, a former director of SSC's Propulsion Test Directorate.

Benigno was given the award for leading her organization to increase efficiency, lower costs and effectively use SSC resources, as well as her active support of the Combined Federal Campaign fund-raising drive, Special Olympics and other community events.

Benigno, a resident of Gulfport, grew up in central Florida and has an undergraduate degree from Stetson University and a Master's degree from Florida State University.

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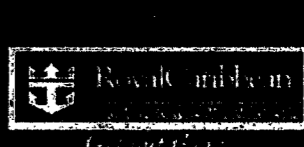
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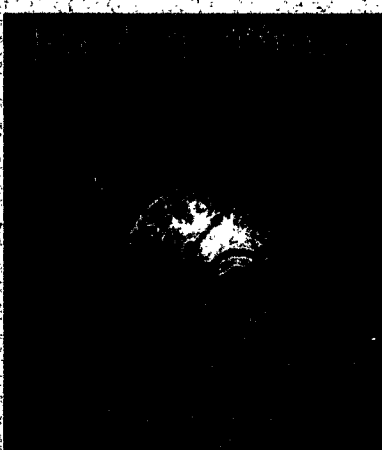
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1955: Beach Blvd. still in disrepair from 1947 hurricane



TEN YEARS AGO

June 1, 1995 - Salvoes fired up beachfront war. Perhaps it was only fitting that during the week leading up to Memorial Day, new salvoes were fired in a beachfront war in Waveland. The latest volley came from a group of citizens calling themselves "Citizens for Preservation." The group is opposing a proposed parking lot and comfort station to be constructed on the beach between Coleman Avenue and Terrace Lane by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. The citizens presented Waveland Mayor John Mason with alternate proposals. Mason's retort included a diplomatic, but definite rejection of both proposals. Now the citizens promise, the battle ground will shift to the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors and then the courts. "We're finished with the City of Waveland," Russell Voochries said. (Mason) closed the door. Our next case is with the (supervisors) and plead our case with them."

Waveland Mayor John Mason and Diamondhead resident John C. Ritten have been elected to the advisory board of Father Flanagan's Boys Town of New Orleans, the regional arm of the world famous youth care organization. Mason — a Boys Town alumnus — and Ritten are among 27 people throughout Louisiana and Mississippi who have been elected to Serve Boys Town through September, 1996.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 6, 1985 - Democratic candidates made a clean sweep Tuesday, defeating Republican opponents in Wards 1, 2 and 4. Bay St. Louis first woman member of the city council, Lisa Le Bon Coward, defeated Republican H. D. Ritch, claiming 96% of the vote. Incumbent James (Jim) C. Thriffley, III won his bid for a third term as Ward 2 councilman. Thriffley got 70 percent of the vote defeating Republican Ward R. Buehler. Ward 4 voters chose Democrat John Wilkerson over Republican Jim Malinni. Wilkerson had 250 votes to Malinni's 163.

A discussion of alleged police harassment of young people along Waveland's beachfront resulted in the ejection of two youth spokesmen from a city board meeting Tuesday. Mayor John Longo, Jr. ordered the two youths be escorted out of city hall by a policeman. One youth said

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For the Birds



Attract hummingbirds by planting a garden with a long season of overlapping bloom. Hummingbirds love to feast on the nectar of two Mississippi Medallion award winners, the yellow shrimp plant (*Pachystachys lutea*), below, and Sonset lantana (above).

Enthusiastic gardeners create hummer haven

I got a kick out of the man on late night television recently who had four hummingbird feeders attached to a hat, trying to lure the birds in for a little feasting. I kind of feel that way about these little birds myself.

Natalie Jordan of Raymond feels the passion, too — the last time I checked in, she was using about 5 pounds of sugar a day for her feeders. But you better believe she also had every plant a hummingbird loves in glorious bloom.

I am a lot like Mrs. Jordan, too. As much as a tiger swallowtail butterfly excites me, I can truthfully say that hummingbirds do more to get me enthusiastic about gardening. Notice I said gardening.

Sure, I like the artificial feeders, but I'm moved when hummingbirds come to my plants. While I'm cooking rib-eye steaks on the grill for my family, nearby the hummingbirds are eating their version in the flower garden.

By planting a garden



Southern Gardening

by Norman Winter
MSU Horticulturist

with a long season of overlapping bloom, we can play host to these miniature birds that fly like they are a cross between a stealth fighter and a helicopter.

Go ahead and use some artificial feeders, but in the flower garden, choose plants like the petunia, annual red salvia (*Salvia splendens*), blue anise sage (*Salvia guaranitica*), and two Mississippi Medallion award winners, the yellow shrimp plant (*Pachystachys lutea*) and Sonset lantana. One of my favorites that is always for sale and often overlooked is the firebush (*Hamelia patens*).

Native plants like the cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), which is not inva-

sive like the Japanese honeysuckle; trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*) and Indian pink (*Spigelia marilandica*) are much loved by hummingbirds. Even in shady flower gardens, we can attract hummingbirds with hostas and impatiens.

Those of you who want the best of both worlds — hummingbirds and butterflies, that is — should choose plants like lantana, butterfly bush and butterfly weed. The same recommendation for butterfly gardens holds true for hummingbird gardens — no pesticides!

The hummingbird can ingest the pesticide, but something many gardeners aren't aware of is that these little acrobats also feed on

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MEMA, state animal health officials want you to know: Hurricanes affect pets too

With an above average hurricane season predicted for 2005, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the state Board of Animal Health officials urge residents who own pets and livestock to have disaster plans in place for their animals before a hurricane threatens.

If you evacuate, take your pets. The single most important thing you can do to protect your pet is to

take them with you when you evacuate. Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost or killed.

Leave early. Don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets. If you own smaller animals and pets, the following actions are recommended:

Your pets should be wearing up-

to-date identification at all times.

Because evacuation shelters, unless designated as "Pet Friendly Shelters," do not accept pets (except for service animals), you must plan ahead to insure that your family and pets will have a safe place to stay.

Check the MBEAH Web site for locations of pet friendly shelters. During an evacuation, additional information about pet friendly

shelters will be broadcast.

Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets. Ask if a no-pet policy is waived during a disaster.

Ask if friends and relatives who live outside your immediate area could shelter your pets.

Make a list of board facilities

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Pets -- hurricane information

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and veterinary offices clear of the evacuation zone that might be able to shelter animals in emergencies. Include 24-hour telephone numbers.

-Have a properly sized

carrier for each animal - carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.

For large animals such as horses and livestock: -Reinforce your barn with

hurricane straps.

-Install a hand pump and obtain enough large containers to water your animals for at least a week.

-Secure or remove anything that could become fly-

ing debris; make a habit of securing propane tanks, trailers and other large objects.

-If you must leave your animals, prepare halters for horses that include your name and phone numbers and/or spray paint your phone numbers on the animals.

-Know where you can take horses and/or livestock during an evacuation. Agricultural centers that can board large animals are available in most counties. The MSAH Web site has a link to a map of all agricultural centers in the state.

-Make arrangements in advance to have your horse contained in an approved trailer in case of an emergency or evacuation. If you do not have enough trailers for your animals, have several people on alert to help secure more trailers.

-Place information about tests, veterinary papers, identification photos, medical history, allergies and emergency phone numbers in a water resistant envelope.

lope.

-If you own a farm, make a farm disaster supply kit so you will have supplies on hand in the event of a disaster. Place the kit in a central location and let everyone know. Check the contents regularly to ensure fresh and complete supplies.

-The kit should contain: Basic first aid kit; Suppliers for temporary identification

of all animals such as plastic neckbands and markers; Tools and supplies needed for sanitation; Stored feed, water and buckets; Current list of all animals, including their location and records of vaccinations and feedings.

The Mississippi Board of Animal Health has a section of its Web site dedicated to disaster issues at www.mbah.state.ms.us.

Garden

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small insects and spiders. It is a bird-eat-bug world out there.

Besides their flying technique, hummingbirds are unique creatures when it comes to eating. When feeding, they lick up to 13 times a second. Like me, they eat every 10 to 15 minutes from sunrise until sunset and devour more than half their weight in food.

Then, believe it or not, they go to bed hungry - sort of. They actually have to hibernate through the night, decreasing their heart rate and body temperature, or they reportedly would starve to death. This should make you not only want to grow more flowers,

but also take better care of the artificial feeders.

There is a lot more to artificial feeders than simply hanging one in a tree. Nectar from flowers provides more nourishment than sugar water. To provide a better diet, buy packages of instant nectar solution or make your own. To make your own, use 1 part white granulated cane sugar to 4 parts water.

You may be thinking, "This is sugar water, right?" But the big difference is that you need to bring this solution to a boil for 1 1/2 minutes, and then let it cool down. It is not necessary to add food coloring. Now you have a mixture much more

similar to that of the flower nectar. Our hot weather can cause rapid bacterial growth, so change solutions every three to five days.

One revelation many of you may find shocking comes from the Texas Parks and Wildlife department. Many people think they should take down their feeders in the fall and winter to encourage the hummingbirds to migrate, but this isn't true.

Whether a bird goes or stays is not determined by your feeder. However, that precious food source might mean life or death to a straggling hummingbird that braves it through the winter north of the tropics.

Mississippi State University announces Dean's Scholars

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The following students from the Hancock County area are Dean's Scholars for the 2005 spring semester at Mississippi State University.

Dean's List students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course

work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Victor O. Alfaro, Perkinston; Kyle D. Duncan, Daniel S. Hamburg, Diamondhead; William F. Harris, Bay St. Louis; Kaley T. Hennessey, Pearlinton; Emily A. Meyers, Bay St. Louis; Lindsey M. Necaise, Bay St. Louis; Jessica M. Stimens, Lakeshore.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

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Their most popular item these days is the roast beef po-boy, which has been compared to that offered by the famous Mother's Restaurant in New Orleans.

Cuz's also offers sides such as New Orleans-style onion rings, french fries, cheese sticks and fried dill pickles.

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Melvin "Cuz" Barnes, owner and proprietor of Cuz's Fresh Seafood & Poboys, located at 10408 Hwy. 603, Bay St. Louis.

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Sports

OLA presents Crescent Athletic Club awards

Our Lady Academy's Crescent Athletic Club presented awards to athletes at the annual athletic awards ceremony in May in the OLA gym.

Most valuable player, sportsmanship, most improved, and spirit awards were given in all nine sports which OLA offers as well as cheerleading: basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball.

Recipients of awards are:

BASKETBALL:

M.V.P.

Whitney Lyons
Sportsmanship
Madeleine Loftus
Most Improved
Missy Green
Spirit
Caroline Haas

CROSS COUNTRY:

M.V.P.

Jennifer Asper
Sportsmanship
Mandy Donlin

Most Improved

Blanca Perez
Spirit
Erin Casey and Abi Simpson

GOLF:

M.V.P.

Ansley Blalock
Sportsmanship
Katherine Guichet
Most Improved
Laura Stevens
Spirit
Jennifer Loiacano

SOCCER:

M.V.P.

Ellie Dauterive
Sportsmanship
Lauren Rittiner
Most Improved
Amanda Meyers
Spirit
Nikki Harshbarger

SOFTBALL:

M.V.P.

Rachel Cuevas and
Hannah Allen
Sportsmanship

Lakasia Duckworth

Most Improved
Jaimie Reisch
Spirit
Jordan Fisher

SWIMMING:

M.V.P.

Elissa Kergosien
Sportsmanship
Alyssa Walter
Most Improved
Samantha McLeod
Spirit
Laura Kergosien

TENNIS:

M.V.P.

Christine Bratton
Sportsmanship
Sarah Loiacano and
Meagan Terrell
Most Improved
Katherine Lobrano
Spirit
Vicky Rafferty

TRACK:

M.V.P.

Jennifer Asper
Sportsmanship

Annette Allard

Most Improved
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Samantha Bradford
Spirit
Blanca Perez and Ashley Derenbecker

VOLLEYBALL

Most Versatile Player
Jordan Fisher
Outstanding Offensive
Player
Kaylee Schmitt and
Lauren Renz
Rookie of the Year
Shelly Reboul
Coach's Award
Rachel Cuevas and Annie Giardino

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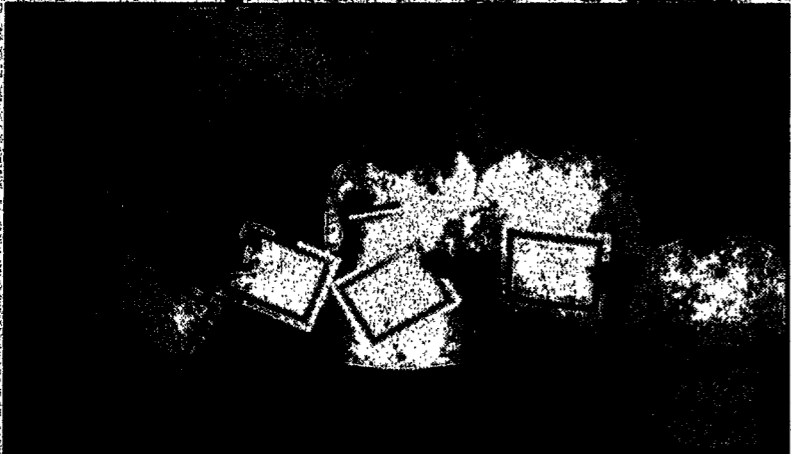
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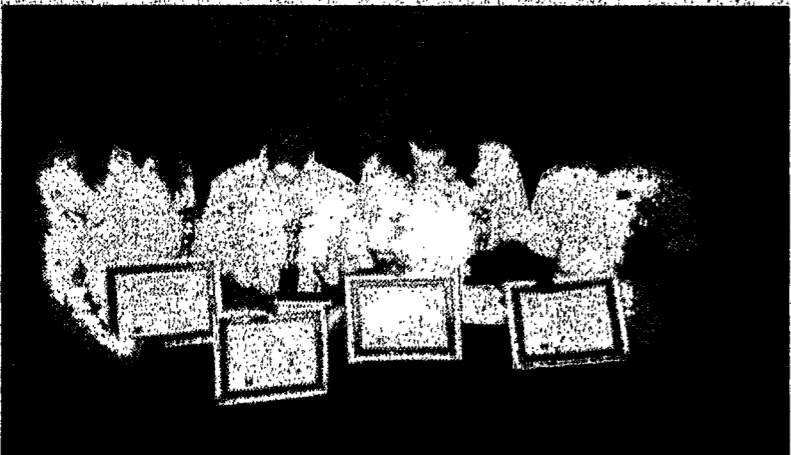
Basketball: Madeleine Loftus, Sportsmanship; Missy Green, Most Improved; Whitney Lyons, M.V.P.; and Caroline Haas, Spirit.



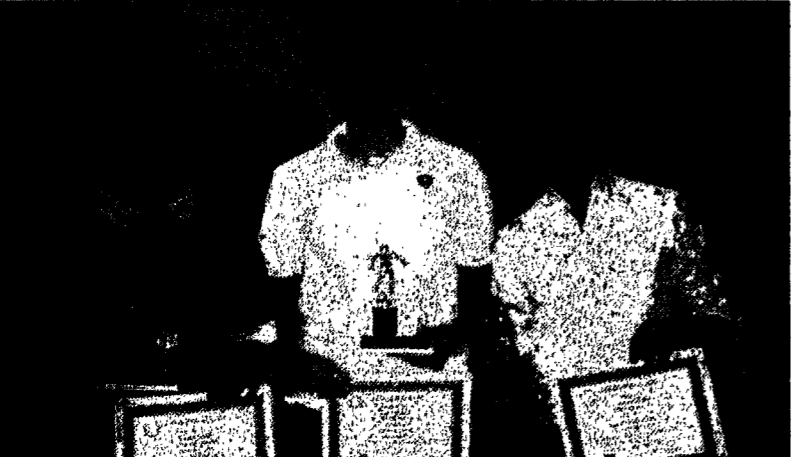
Cheerleading: Kirsty Schmitt, Spirit; Kelsey Cannon, Most Valuable Cheerleader; Morgan Hansell, Sportsmanship; and Lauren Carpenter, Most Improved.



Cross Country: Blanca Perez, Most Improved; Amanda Donlin, Sportsmanship; Jennifer Asper, M.V.P.; Erin Casey and Abi Simpson, Spirit.



Golf: Katherine Guichet, Sportsmanship; Ansley Blalock, M.V.P.; Laura Stevens, Most Improved; and Jennifer Loiacano, Spirit.



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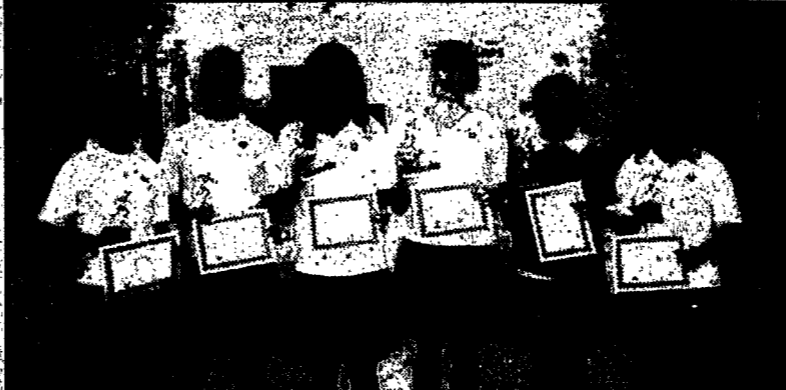
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Swimming: Alyssa Walter, Sportsmanship; Mrs. Loftus, Coach; Elissa Kergoslen, M.V.P.; Samantha McLeod, Most Improved; and Laura Kergoslen, Spirit.



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Volleyball: Rachel Cuevas and Annie Gialdino, Coach's Award; Kaylee Schmitt, Outstanding Offensive Player; Shelly Reboul, Rookie of the Year; and Jordan Fisher, Most Versatile Player. Not pictured is Lauren Renz, Outstanding Offensive Player.

Son's of the Legion 8th Fishing Rodeo is Saturday

The 8th annual Son's of the American Legion Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Son's of the American Legion Squadron 77, takes place this Saturday, June 18. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and scales close at 4 p.m. All fishing must be done

on Garfield Ladner Pier, and all contestants must follow the rules of the pier. There will be children and adult brackets, with prizes for everyone.

The scales will be located in the pier parking lot. For more call Billy Adams at 467-4788.

Time -- Beach Blvd.

the harassment consisted of unnecessary searches and tickets as well as a refusal by police to allow young people to congregate along the beach particularly in the Nicholson Avenue area. The other youth reported he had a ticket issued for having one headlight out Monday night. The other youth added at least one of the officers involved had used profanity when addressing them. Longo objected when he began stating the profanity allegedly used by the officer. Three beachfront residents also addressed the board. The board also heard from Beat One Supervisor Bert Courge who said the county had placed trash barrels along the beach last week to reduce litter. He said the barrels had reduced littering on the beach in most areas except at the intersection of Nicholson and Beach. The resident had expressed appreciation for the police department's efforts to control groups of young people who congregate on the corner of Beach Boulevard and Nicholson.

FORTY YEARS AGO

June 3, 1965 - MTF signs buffer zone patrol pact. Contract has been signed, between Mississippi Test Facility officials and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, to provide a 24-hour patrol service through the 100,000 acres of buffer zone falling within the county, according to MTF officials. Valued at \$40,000, the contract became effective on Tuesday and will run for a period of one year. The patrol force will consist of one supervisor and five

patrolmen. Operating in vehicles carrying similar markings to other county law enforcement agencies, the patrol will check government property, insure that no one resides within the area, act as fire watch and protect the government's interest within the zone. The Board of Supervisors will provide man-power, facilities, equipment, and materials for the patrol which will work out of Bay St. Louis.

- Project Headstart, a federal program to prepare pre-school children for entry into kindergarten and first grade, will be in operation in Kiln this summer, according to Rev. Mallory Duggan, pastor of Church of the Annunciation. With an enrollment of 30 already on the books for the eight week course, Rev. Duggan, indicated children would be accepted without regard to race or religion. Registrations will be taken until a maximum figure of 60 is reached. Operating on a \$10,718 direct grant, hot lunches will be provided. Instructions will be given students in basic social and educational premises, table manners, study habits, cooperative play and similar subjects.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

June 9, 1955 - The Hancock County Board of Supervisors discussed the matter of completing the repair work on the seawall in Waveland at the meeting Monday. D.E. Wilcox, a businessman of Waveland, approached the Board and asked that the work be completed because it was a hazard to traffic and pedestri-

ans on the beach road. He said, "The work has been stopped on the seawall in Waveland a number of times and I want to know why it cannot be completed." R.G. Hubbard, supervisor of Beat Five stated, "I do not have anything to do with the hiring of seawall workers. That work is functioning under Mr. Lott's and Mr. Shaw's supervision." Johnson Shaw, president of the Board of Supervisors told Hubbard, "It is still your responsibility. You still have a say so on any matter that comes before the board." The board talked about declaring the seawall an emergency and hiring enough extra help to finish the work. Hubbard rejected this proposal because, "I don't see how you can declare the seawall an emergency when the damages was caused by the 1947 hurricane. In 1953 the money became available for this work, but that is when the wood preservative investigation was going on and Mr. Lott stated we were wasting money on the seawall. I then had one foreman and five laborers. (Since Shaw and Lott took over seawall control) Now we have five men on foreman's salaries and nine laborers. How can we waste money when we haven't done anything."

SIXTY YEARS AGO

June 1, 1945 - Word has been received by Mrs. Albert Biehl, Jr., that her brother, Owen King, S 2/c has been killed in action, somewhere in the Pacific. Her many friends regret to learn the sad news.

S. On June 14, 1944, the

79th Division landed in France to participate in the drive to Cherbourg and was the first American Unit to enter this French Port. In this division was Private First Class Cornelius Shaw. He was wounded on July 5 and again on November 23rd. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. He is the son of Mrs. Lelia Shaw of Standard, and a brother of Mrs. John B. Wheat. He is married to the former Miss Lona Ladner.

- Second man to receive discharge on point in Hancock County. The second man to receive his discharge on points from Hancock County was Sgt. Evan J. Pucheu of Bay St. Louis, and a member of Company F, 335th Infantry. Sgt. Pucheu entered the service on Oct. 4, 1941, and was discharged from Camp Shelby on May 17, 1945. He was sent overseas on May 11, 1942 and served two years, then months and six days overseas service. While stationed in England he met and married the former Miss Mary Cuff of Woodenbossett, England. This event took place on May 27, 1944. He is expecting the arrival of his bride at any time.

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Entertainment



Some of the members of the cast of the original play production "trains" rehearse at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater. The play by Timothy Gray will debut at the Little Theater on June 10.

trains: New Orleans playwright crafts 'dark, dark' comedy for Bay Little Theatre

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

When New Orleans playwright Timothy Gray's "trains" opens at the Bay St. Louis Little Theater June 10, the audience will be the first to view the original production. The play, one that Gray calls a dark, dark comedy with music, will run June 17-19, with nightly performances at 8 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Gray founded the Odd Man Out Theater Company two years ago after losing his 70 hour a week job running a hotel in New Orleans. He came to work one day to find the hotel had been sold and that afternoon he went home-out of a job. He considers the loss of that job one of the best things that ever happened to him.

"Now I can spend 70 hours a week with the company, doing something I love," Gray said.

His dream now to build a

core group of actors and be able to say "hey everybody, lets put on a show. The company has a fairly regular membership of about 20 people including actors, technical people and others. Gray is the sole writer. Two other members, Chris Cuddihoe and Rebecca Meyers form the backbone of the company.

"Chris helps me herd everybody together and takes much of the responsibility so that I can focus on writing. And Rebecca handles the website and press releases, and helps with directing," Gray says.

Though Gray has written monologues, he prefers a large cast, he says, where each actor plays several parts. In "trains" each of the 18 actors plays at least two parts to form the 70 characters. A rehearsal held at the Little Theater, though taken seriously, gave way to an air of informality-much like the playwright himself exudes.

"I like to have the attitude that it is all going to work out, and it usually does," said Gray. "And soon-

er or later you run out of time and the show must go on."

Set in a metro train station, "trains" takes a myopic view of a day in the life of both passengers and loiterers who pass through the station over the course of the day. Some of the passers through include, policemen on their beat, members of a bachelorette party, mothers, street musicians and businessmen hurrying to and from work.

The play offers minuscule snapshots of the stories of the lives of the people passing through. Some may have conclusions, some may not, leaving the viewer to draw from their own imaginations as to how the story ends.

All of the productions that Odd Man Out undertakes share a common thread. They are all original works. "People are sometimes afraid of original theater," Gray says. But for Gray it is his inspiration.

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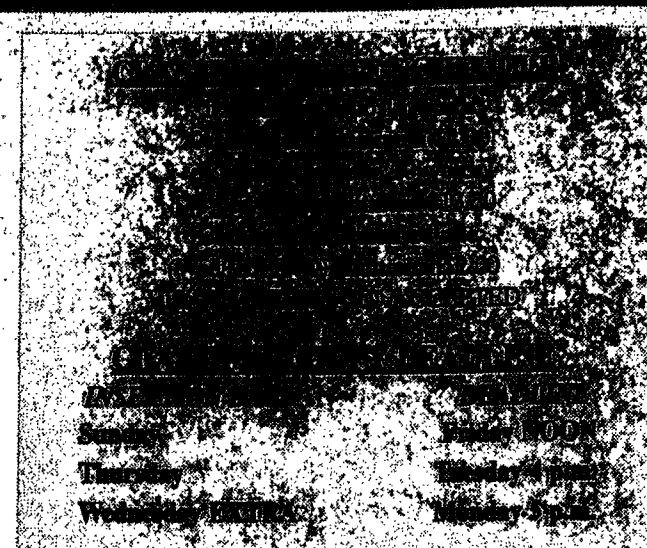
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4 TOYOTA, 4 WHEEL DRIVES including keys starting at \$7950. 2002, 85K miles \$239 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune. 1-800-798-9133.

CAMPER TOP FOR S-10 SHORT bed truck \$100. 468-9292.

FOR SALE: 1995 DODGE DAKOTA Sport truck body. Excellent condition, will take best offer. Call 228-467-2316.

FOR LEASE: 2/BEDROOM, 2/BATH beach condo, furnished, private pool, Waveland. 504-850-5555 or 228-469-0087.

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH. All appliances, large fenced back yard & pecan trees. 245A Citizen St. near beach. \$800/mo. Fran (985) 726-5183 or 504-239-4516.

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147 Apartments For Rent

WAVELAND QUANT 1/2 BEDROOM, beach two block, unfurnished, all utilities, pet/smoke free, references, \$495+deposit. 228-342-1518.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME, 2 miles from Walmart, shady lot. \$280 a month. 463-0821.

16x80, 3BR/2BA, \$550/MONTH, plus deposit. Off 603 and Firetower. 228-218-8685.

2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME FOR rent. Deposit required, Kiln area. Call 493-8808 or 255-7150.

2 BEDROOM TRAILER, \$285/month, all utilities paid, 365-0003.

2BR/1BA, WASHER/DRYER Hook-ups. \$350 rent plus \$150 deposit. 255-7480.

5BR/3 FULL BATHS, LARGE DR, den, kitchen, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator. 467-8028.

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER One bath, in Kiln, \$385. per month, \$250. deposit. 255-7431 or 493-5799.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH COTTAGE, w/d hookup, large fenced yard, 1-1/2 miles from Bayou Caddy. Pet free. \$550/rent, \$550/deposit. 228-304-0573.

2BR/1BA WATERFRONT Cottage, Raised, central air/heat, dock, pet & smoke free, hook-ups. \$500 rent plus deposit. Sailfish Realty 342-0783.

3BR/1-1/2BA, FENCED BACK Yard, one block from beach, West Gulfport. \$825/mo., \$500/dep. 326-3739.

B.S.L. 355 STATE ST. SMALL Cottage, 2 bedroom, central a/h, hook-ups. \$440 plus deposit. 467-1234.

BAY ST. LOUIS UPSCALE Townhouse, 2BR 1-1/2BA 1500 sq.ft., courtyard, 503 C Sunset Dr., 6 month lease \$775/month plus deposit. Owner/agent, 228-493-2177.

BAY ST. LOUIS FELICITY ST. Very nice, 1600 sq.ft. 3BR/2BA, central heat/air, fireplace, washer/dryer connection, patio, fenced yard, ceiling fans, alarm system, near golf course. \$900/mo., \$800/dep. Pet/smoke free. H. Wheeler Realty SVC. 228-323-3695.

B.S.L. IMMACULATE 405B Citizen 3bedroom 2-1/2 bath, \$800/month plus deposit. 255-3638.

IF YOU WANT TO RENT IN Diamondhead, call Betty, 228-255-7702 or Patrick, 228-547-9637. Agents with Century 21 of Diamondhead.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

SMALL 1 BEDROOM WITH LOFT, screen porch, washer/dryer hookup, \$485 plus deposit. Call 466-0509 leave message.

151 Furn. Houses Rent

2BR/2BA, CENTRAL AIR/HEAT, garage, excellent condition, pet/smoke free. \$500 rent plus deposit. References. 228-467-5508.

156 Lots/Acreage

(3) LOTS 75X100 (ALL) 3RD ST. East, Lakehome. By owner \$10,000 as is, 228-467-7378.

100% OWNER FINANCING. Will also finance water connection and septic system fees. White Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from 1-acre to 30-acres. Waterfront available, mobile homes allowed in certain areas and great fishing. Ten miles east of I-58. Carried on thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1730.

4 LOTS 50X100 EACH, APPROX. 1/2 mile from Hwy. 603 Bay St. Louis, \$2,800 each. Call 985-892-6447.

80 ACRES FOR SALE IN THE Heart of the Kiln. For information call 228-255-3082 or 1-800-414-3751.

LOT IN DIAMONDHEAD FOR sale. 228-255-3082.

SHORELINE PARK, 2 LOTS FOR Sale, 50x100, corner of 8th & B Ave. Sq. & Subdivision 2. \$4200. each or \$8000. for both. Call 504-283-6338.

TWO WATERFRONT LOTS: paved street. Partially cleared. Shoreline Park, \$12,500.00 each. Owner financing available. Only \$500.00 down. Phone 228-467-5734.

WAVELAND, NICHOLSON AT OLD Spanish Trail, 3 lots, ready for building. 468-0688.

WOODED LOT 155 FEET ON Sportsman Lake Club Road, Lakeshore, \$7500. 467-9633 or 467-9207.

Call today to get information on how to place your classified ad in The Sea Coast Echo Newspaper 467-5474.

158 Commercial Property

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR lease. #4423 Lakewood Drive, Diamondhead, MS. (504) 660-3525.

159 Houses For Sale

\$75,000. RENOVATED COTTAGE 2BR/1BA, great view, 1015 Carrol St. Waveland. 343-3365.

1850's RENOVATED CREOLE Cottage, ride your bike to the beach. \$157,900. Dixie Brooks, Realtor 228-671-1464, 1021 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. 228-467-1602.

2BR/2 FULL BATHS, FULL Garage, living, dining, utility room, 1-1/2 years old, fenced yard, patio. For owner 228-463-0536.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH brand new brick homes for sale. Kiln and Diamondhead areas. Little or no money down. Call Sonja 228-463-1057.

3BD/2BA BRICK HOME, 3 YEARS old, double carport, 3 car garage/shop, asking \$132,000. 250x125. Call 228-677-9351 Waveland.

3BR/1-1/2BA, ALL APPLIANCES included, \$97,000. Located at 8 Chantilly Terrace,

The Sea Coast Echo

Hancock Today

A Special Edition

The Sea Coast Echo is pleased to announce the publication of *Hancock Today* on Thursday, June 30, 2005.

This special edition tabloid will be printed entirely on premium, bright-white, heavy-weight newsprint with extensive use of full-color.

The past editions of *Hancock Today* have been named the best special section in the state by the Mississippi Press Association. The judges commented, "Wow! A great section with quality editorial supported by quality advertising. Good job. This section would be an award winner anywhere."

Why Should Your Business Advertise In *Hancock Today*?

- Interesting reading. People like to read about people, and *Hancock Today* is full of pictures and stories about people. It is generally the best-read issue of the year.
- Good news. People are always complaining about "not enough good news." *Hancock Today* is generally upbeat and contains the good news people are hungry for.
- It is a good time to "brag." *Hancock Today* is the best time for businesses to tell something good about themselves and to congratulate their employees. It is the best opportunity of the year to thank the community for supporting the businesses and to announce major changes that have occurred or will occur.
- Shelf life. No other edition stays around as long as *Hancock Today*. People will hold on to it.
- *Hancock Today* is seen as a success story for the community. The businesses included will be perceived as doing well.

In addition to our regular paid circulation, this informative issue will also be distributed by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Tourism Bureau and the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission.

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